

and collect all information obtained, carefully indexed and arranged so as to be at all times easily accessible to city officials and open to the inspection of the general public; to perform such other duties as the said Board may prescribe; and to make a full and complete report thereof on or before the first day of February of each and every year to cover the work for the previous fiscal year ending December thirty-first.

1906, ch. 565.

208C. The Board of Estimates shall provide annually in the Ordinance of Estimates for the payment of the salary of said Executive Officer, which shall not be less than \$2,000 per annum, and also a sum sufficient to pay all other expenses of the said Department of Legislative Reference.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

CITY COUNCIL.*

209. The Legislative Department of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall be vested in the City Council, which shall consist of a single chamber.

Baltimore City v. Gorter, 93 Md. 1, 8.

In connection with this section, *see* Smyrk v. Sharp, 82 Md. 97.

210. The City Council shall consist of nineteen members, one of whom shall be the President thereof, and shall possess the qualifications and be elected as hereinafter provided. The other eighteen members shall be elected from the six Councilmanic Districts, three from each district, as hereinafter provided.

The members of the City Council, except the President thereof, shall be citizens of the United States, above the age of twenty-one years, residents of the City of Baltimore three years prior to their election, and for the same time residents of the Councilmanic District for which they are elected, and assessed with property to the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) each, who have paid taxes on the same one year prior to their election, and they shall hold office for four years. Each member of the City Council shall be paid a salary of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) per annum, payable monthly.

Baltimore City v. Gorter, 93 Md. 8. West v. Musgrave, 154 Md. 40.

In connection with section 210, *see* Kean v. Rizer, 90 Md. 507. Vanneman v. Pusey, 93 Md. 686, 690.

211. The Election for members of the City Council shall be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in May in the year 1923, and upon every fourth year thereof. Their terms of office shall be four years.

*Sections 209-217 and 221 and 222 as enacted by Ch. 123, Acts of 1898, provided for two Branches of the City Council. These same sections were amended by initiation through petition, under Art. 11A, Md. Constitution (Home Rule Amendment), and adopted by the voters at the November election, 1922, the result being to substitute a one Branch City Council in place of the two Branches.